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TITLE OF INVENTION: SELF-CONFIGURING COMPONENT FOR RECOGNIZING AND TRANSFORMING HOST DATA

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	NICHOLAS AUGUSTINE	2179	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 08/12/2010.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-8,11-15 and 17-21.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This action is responsive to the following communication: 08/12/2010
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jerry Herndon (Reg. No. 27,901) on 10/20/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (presently amended) A ~~computer readable~~ program media medium having stored computer program code that when executed by a computer causes a computer system to recognize a character-based user interface having a plurality of host component types and to transform the character-based user interface to a web enabled user interface, the medium having code to control the computer, the medium comprising:
code for scanning the character-based user interface ~~for~~ by a plurality of agents; code in each agent for determining the existence of a different host component type unique to the agent;

code for defining a match region for each host component type found to exist by an agent in the character-based user interface;

code for determining whether two or more match regions overlap;

code for resolving a conflict between the two or more match regions that overlap; and

code for rendering match regions associated with each agent to compose the web enabled user interface

and code for rendering each match region as a widget, the aggregated widgets composing a formatted output page.

Claim 2 (canceled).

3. (presently amended) The ~~computer readable program~~ media ~~medium~~ of claim 1 wherein the resolving code is executed before the rendering code, and further comprises:

code for resolving a conflict between two or more match regions which overlap based on a policy to determine which agent associated with a match region controls the overlap region.

4. (presently amended) The ~~computer readable program~~ media ~~medium~~ of claim 3 wherein the resolving code further comprises:

code for assigning a predetermined priority to each agent;

code for comparing the predetermined priority to resolve a conflict between two or more

match regions; and

code for selecting the agent with the highest predetermined priority to control the overlapping region.

5. (presently amended) The ~~computer readable program~~ media ~~medium~~ of claim 3 wherein the resolving code further comprises:

code for comparing the size of the conflicting regions which overlap; and

code for selecting the agent having the smaller size region to control the overlapped region.

6. (presently amended) The ~~computer readable program~~ media ~~medium~~ of claim 3 wherein the resolving code further comprises:

code for assigning a dynamic priority to each conflicting region having a common overlapping region, the dynamic priority based on the projected amount of time expended to render each conflicting region; and

code for selecting the agent controlling the conflicting region having the highest priority to retain control over the overlapping region.

7. (presently amended) The ~~computer readable program~~ media ~~medium~~ of claim 4 further comprising code for controlling the agents detecting overlapping match regions to negotiate whether to relinquish control of each agent's overlap region.

8. (presently amended) A computer system for recognizing a character- based user interface having a plurality of host component types and transforming the character-based user interface to a web enabled user interface, the computer system comprising: a memory comprising a plurality of agent objects to scan the character-based user interface, each agent object determining the existence of a different host component type from the other agents, each agent object defining a match region for each host component type found to exist in the character-based user interface,
an agent manager for determining whether two or more match regions overlap and for
resolving the overlap, each agent object rendering its associated
its associated match region to compose the web enabled user interface;
each agent is configured to render each match region as a widget, the aggregated
widgets composing a formatted output page;
and a processor for running the plurality of agent objects.

9. (canceled).

10. (canceled)

11. (presently amended) The computer system of claim 10 8 wherein the system
resolves-is configured to resolve a conflict between two or more overlapping match regions based on a policy to determine which agent associated with one match region

controls the overlap region, the processor configured to execute ~~run~~ the policy.

12. (presently amended) The computer system of claim 11 wherein the policy executed by the processor comprises:
assigning a predetermined priority to each agent; comparing the predetermined priority of the two or more ~~conflicting~~ agents detecting overlapping match regions; and selecting the agent with the highest predetermined priority to control the overlapping region.

15. (presently amended) A method for recognizing a character-based user interface having a plurality of host component types and transforming the character- based user interface to a web enabled user interface, the method comprising:
scanning the character-based user interface ~~for~~ by a plurality of agents; determining which host component types exist in the character-based user interface, each agent determining the existence of a different host component type from the other agents;
defining a match region for each host component type found to exist by an agent in the character-based user interface; determining whether two or more match regions overlap; upon a determination that two or more match regions overlap, resolving a conflict between said two or more match regions that overlap; and rendering match regions associated with each agent to compose the web enabled user interface ; and rendering each match region as a widget, the aggregated widgets composing a formatted output page.

16. (canceled).

17. (presently amended) The method of claim 15 ~~further comprising a step before the rendering step, the step comprising~~ wherein resolving a conflict between said two or more match regions that overlap further comprises:

resolving a conflict between two or more match regions ~~which overlap~~ based on a policy to determine which agent associated with a match region controls the overlap region.

18. (presently amended) The method of claim 17 wherein the policy comprises ~~the steps of:~~

assigning a predetermined priority to each agent; comparing the predetermined priority of the two or more ~~conflicting~~ agents detecting overlapping match regions; and selecting the agent with the highest predetermined priority to control the overlapping region.

19. (presently amended) The method of claim 17 wherein the policy comprises ~~the steps of:~~ comparing the size of the conflicting regions which overlap; and selecting the agent having the smaller size region to control the overlapped region.

20. (presently amended) The method of claim 17 wherein the policy comprises ~~the steps of:~~

assigning a dynamic priority to each conflicting region having a common overlapping region, the dynamic priority based on the projected amount of time expended to render each conflicting region; and selecting the agent controlling the conflicting region having the highest priority to retain control over the overlapping region.

21. (presently amended) The method of claim 18 wherein the ~~conflicting agents detecting overlapping match regions~~ negotiate whether to relinquish control of ~~at least the each agent's~~ overlap region.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 3-8, 11-15 and 17-21 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Independent claims 1, 8 and 15, when considered as a whole, are allowable over the prior art of record. Specifically, the prior art of Mutschler teaches the limitation: "a system that enables a client user to access a character based interface by means of conversion into a web based version which is accomplished with screen control language, host reply definition file and HTML files". But the claims recite a different combination of limitation: "an agent manager for determining whether two or more match regions overlap and for resolving the overlap, each agent object rendering its associated match region to compose the web enabled user interface; each agent is configured to render each match region as a widget, the aggregated widgets composing a formatted output page..." (herein referred to as limitation A), that is not suggested or shown by Mutschler.

The prior art of Galvin teaches another combination, “scanning applications for non-web environment code which can then be translated into web-enabled code for execution in a different environment”, but does not suggest the limitation A.

Further the combination of Mutschler and Galvin teaches “a system that enables a client user to access a character based interface by means of conversion into a web based version which is accomplished with screen control language, host reply definition file and HTML files further the system allows for scanning applications for non-web environment code which can then be translated into web-enabled code for execution in a different environment”, that is not suggested or shown in combination or alone by Mutschler or Galvin.

The dependent claims further add limitations to the allowable subject matter of the corresponding independent claims; thus are also allowable. Therefore the claims are allowed over the art because the claims differ in scope that is not seen or suggested by the prior art..

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Inquires

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas Augustine whose telephone number is 571-

270-1056 and fax is 571-270-2056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday: 9:30am- 5:00pm Eastern.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on 571-272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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